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It will be heard in committee (Personnel and Animal Welfare) in the next few weeks. The chair of the committee Paul Koretz determines exact timing. He is a cosponsor of the legislation and Englander is also on the committee so we expect swift passage. It then returns to full council for a vote.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- October 3, 2018

Councilmember Englander Seeks 'Trap & Release' Coyote Management Program

LOS ANGELES - Councilmember Mitchell Englander introduced legislation today directing the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services to develop alternatives for coyote management including a program for the trap and release of wild coyotes discovered near populated areas of Los Angeles. Over the recent summer, residents reported coyote sightings in parks, open spaces, and in neighborhoods endangering children and domestic pets.

"Trap and release is the most effective, humane way to address the challenge of wild coyotes in our communities," Councilmember Englander said. "The longer a coyote spends in close proximity to residential areas, the more likely it is to attack people or pets or endanger itself from exposure to traffic and other urban hazards. By capturing the animal and returning it to the wild we protect both the safety of residents and the animal itself."

Currently, the Department of Animal Services educates and works with residents to avoid actions that may inadvertently encourage coyotes such as providing water, food, and cover. Despite this, problems with coyotes persist and in some cases have gotten worse.

Experts such as Wildlife Specialist Robert Timm of the University of California's Hopland Research

and Extension Center have observed "an increasing problem with coyotes losing their fear of humans and becoming aggressive."

A recent example of a coyote attack occurred on March 14, 2017. A 5-year old boy was bitten on the leg while playing soccer at the California State University of Los Angeles. The coyote then aggressively approached a woman who flagged down campus police. There have also been reports of coyotes attacking pets in yards.

Coyotes can carry diseases such as rabies and Tularemia as well as parasites including ticks, mites, fleas, worms, and flukes.

In order to protect the safety of neighborhoods and residents, the Department of Animal Services must take a more proactive approach when it comes to coyote management. This legislation directs the department to report on regulations, current practices and alternative options for coyote management including a trap and release program.

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